

Applicant's arguments toward 103 rejections using Thrash in view of Saito, have been considered, however, are not persuasive. The previously set forth rejections are determined proper and also substantially applies to the new arguments. The essence of the Applicant's arguments has been addressed in the final office action, and the new arguments appear to be condensing of those same arguments. Regarding Applicant's arguments toward the carrier and detector line of Thrash reference, it is noted that in Column 4, lines 21-24, Thrash discloses various materials tested for the carrier and detector line including stainless steel twisted around a polyester yarn, and in Column 4, lines 50-53, "the stranding of the stainless steel is small enough that heat will cause conductive fiber 34 sever before the blanket fabric can be ignited."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-6002. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM EST.

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